

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Ephesians 5:23-30--February 18th, 2024

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## **Sermon Recap:**

## **Gospel Informed Husbands**

### **I. Lead Your Wives**

We are called to be servant leaders, following Jesus' example. Christ...

- a. Led by association
  - He was present and active in the lives of his people.
- b. Led by instruction
  - He taught formal lessons and informal lessons through life's circumstances.
- c. Led by example
  - He modeled his teachings, setting the example.
- d. Led by decision & delegation
  - Jesus made authoritative decision and delegated responsibilities, explaining roles, expectations, and how to fulfill them.

### **II. Love Your Wives**

Paul commands husbands to love their wives, as themselves and as Christ loves the Church. Christ is the standard of our love. The love Christ had for his Church was an...

- a. Unconditional love- Romans 5:8
- b. Voluntary love- Deuteronomy 7:7
- c. Intense love- Ephesians 5:2
- d. Unending love- Jeremiah 31:3
- e. Unselfish love- Philippians 2:6-7
- f. Purposeful love- Ephesians 5:25
- g. Sacrificial love- Ephesians 5:26-27
- h. Manifest love

### **III. Practical Loving-leadership**

Love your wife...

- with words.
- by satisfying her needs.
- by protecting her.
- by helping her.
- by sacrificing for her.
- by refusing to compare her to other people, especially other women.
- by demonstrating to her, that apart from Christ, she is first in your life.
- by displaying tenderness, respect, chivalry, and courtesy.
- by expressing appreciation and praise generously.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What two words summarize the husband's responsibility to his wife?
- What is the standard for his headship?
- How does Christ lead? How might a husband follow that example?
- What are the two metaphors used by Paul to describe a husband's love for his wife?
- Describe the characteristics of Christ's love that we mentioned.
- How is the love of Christ purposeful? What does that look like in a marriage?
- What are practical ways that a husband can be a loving leader?

## **Application:**

- What assumptions did you have about leadership before today? How have those changed?
- Consider the way Christ loves the Church then apply them to marriage. Make a list of what that love looks like.

Ladies:

- Does your husbands lead you as a servant? How might you help him lead better?
- Does your husband love you like Christ loved the church? How might you help him fulfill this responsibility?

Men:

- Do you lead your home by association, instruction, example, decision making and delegation? Which area are you weakest in? How can you strengthen this area of leadership?
- Do you believe that you are your family's biggest servant? Ask them the same question.
- Make a list of your wife's needs. Are you fulfilling them? Discuss this list with her.
- Is there anything that you are prioritizing over your wife? What can you do to correct this? Ask her the same question.
- Which of the characteristics of Christ's love to you feel strongest and weakest in? Discuss with your wife.
- In which of the practical ways to be a loving leader do you feel strongest and weakest? Discuss with your wife.

